

PROGRAM HELPS AND INFORMATION JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2010

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Happy New Year...

Thank you to everyone who has sent cards and e-mails to Carl these last few weeks. Until you have been in this position you don't realize just how important they are. The cards become your link to the outside world and you look forward to the mailman coming each day. For those who are unaware, Carl had a heart attack followed by quintuple by-pass surgery. He is doing well at this point and allowed to go out using common sense as to when and where. Hopefully it won't be too long before we can resume our visitations.

I will be at Leader's Conference in Vermont next week and should get more information on Lecturer's Conference. All I can tell you for sure at this point is that it will be somewhere in Vermont. Full details will be in the next newsletter and be sure and watch the CT Granger. As usual I will need help with the program.

At this point I would like to clear the air on a few points. Since State Session I have been asked several questions and received complaints about a few things. It is a new calendar year, so let's see if we can get off to a good start and address these issues. First, if you receive an invitation to neighbor with another Grange please reply. Most Lecturers include their phone number so you can call. If you don't answer the other Grange has no way of knowing how many refreshments they need or if they need to arrange for more seating. We all love visitors. This is the next complaint. I am hearing that not only do Granges not answer, but they never go anywhere. Then they expect you to come to their Grange when they invite you. No one expects you to go out in bad weather, but when the weather is nice let's all get out and visit with our neighbors.

I have been asked how long a program should be. For years we have been told it should last between 30 and 60 minutes except on special occasions. This has not changed. A reading and a song do not constitute a program. I know of several Granges who take their whole programs out of this newsletter. This is fine as long as it is varied and contains something for everyone. But, it would be nice if you could come up with something new and then send it in to share with others. I have been asked about required numbers in the program. The main requirement is that it be of interest to your members. Some Granges love to have speakers and get extra people to turn out. In other Granges people stay away when a speaker is scheduled. You know your Grange. Please do what is best for them.

Here's hoping you have a happy, healthy and safe New Year. And, don't forget to call, e-mail or write if you need help. That is what I am here for.Marge

SHARED NUMBERS...

DEDICATION OF THE FIRST GRANGE HALL IN CONNECTICUT

From The Grange in Connecticut by Lida Skilton Ives

Lebanon Grange #21 was organized on March 31, 1884, with 25 Charter Members, by National Deputy Sherman Kimberly of West Torrington. Early in August of that same year, the Grange voted to build a hall and store, \$1,725.00 being pledged for the purpose. A company was immediately formed, a building committee selected, and the hall was ready for dedication on November 12, 1885. National Deputy Sherman Kimberly accompanied by National Lecturer Whitehead, took the train from Torrington to attend this occasion. In Deputy Kimberly's family diary, he says he little knew what to do upon such an event, but that he somehow got through with it before a crowd of some 500 good people. In the book, The Connecticut Granges, we find, "the dedication exercises, which seemed to have fitted the necessary requirements for such a celebration. The fact that a Hall was built so shortly after its organization, in fact before the first Annual Session of the newly formed State Grange, is testimony to the zeal and ardor of the people who were responsible for its growth in years to come.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT With Thanks to Joan Perry

(These make great cut-aparts)

If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea.... does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?

Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks, so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use? Toothpicks?

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?

As income tax time approaches, did you ever notice...When you put the two words 'The' and 'IRS' together, it spells..... **'THEIRS'?**

THE BREADS OF LIFE...A PROGRAM OF REMEMBRANCE with Thanks to No. Central

This is a three page program I saw at the 50th Anniversary of North Central Pomona. It is too long to include here, but I am more than willing to either mail or e-mail it to anyone who wants to use it. It is suggested for a memorial program when your Grange did not lose any members in death during the year or it might be part of a tribute to the idea of community and everyone as part of the community family. It could also be used at Eastertime when we think of Christ as our sustenance, our "Bread of Life".

A FEBRUARY QUIZ with Thanks to Ekonk

1. This company was first formed February 14, 1919, and today is noted for its unique fleet of "brown". Ans. UPS
2. February 15th, 1804, New Jersey became the last State to abolish what? Ans. Slavery
3. This State, noted for dry, hot climate was admitted to the Union on Feb. 14th, 1912.
Ans. Arizona
4. This far western State, noted for tall trees and the Cascade Mountain Range, was admitted to the Union of Feb. 14th, 1859. Ans. Oregon
5. Feb. 1, 1978,...Harriett Tubman became the first black woman honored on what?
Ans. A United States Postage Stamp
6. On February 1, 1977...what claimed the lives of over 100 people in New England?
Ans. A Blizzard
7. On Feb. 1, 1974, this spinoff of another popular TV show debuted...This show starred a mostly black cast...A family with three children including elder son...JJ!!! Name this show.
Ans. "Good Times"
8. Rhode Island and the world was rocked by a tragic fire that left over 100 dead on Feb. 10th, 2003. By what name is this remembered? Ans. The Station Club Fire
9. On Feb. 20th, 1962, this famous astronaut orbited the earth in Friendship 7.
Ans. John Glenn
10. February 1, 1964, this rock band "rocked" the world with their new hit song, "I Want To Hold Your Hand? Ans. The Beatles
11. What infamous English King died on Feb. 20th, 1547, having been married a multitude of times? Ans. King Henry VIII
12. On Feb. 29th, 1960, this still running cartoon strip debuted by artist/creator Bill Keane.
Ans. The Family Circus
13. This still remembered movie, that took place in the civil war and featured "Scarlett" debuted in theatres Feb. 29th, 1940. Ans. Gone With The Wind.
14. Feb. 29th, 1692, Sarah Good and the Indian Servant, "Tituba" were accused of what crime in Massachusetts? Ans. Witchcraft (In Salem, MA)
15. In addition to Feb. 2nd being "Candlemas Day" it is also a fun day with what animal?
Ans. The Ground Hog
16. "Go West Young Man" said Horace Greeley. He was born Feb. 3rd, 1809. What was his profession? Ans. Writer & Publisher
17. Feb. 4th, 1902, was the birthdate for this famous American aviator, who tragically lost a son to kidnapers. Ans. Charles A. Lindbergh
18. Our 16th United States President was born Feb. 12th, 1809, in Kentucky.
Ans. Abraham Lincoln
19. This man took the oath as President of the Confederate States of America on Feb. 18, 1861.
Ans. Jefferson Davis
20. Who was our nations 40th President...He was born in Illinois Feb. 6, 1911?
Ans. Ronald Reagan

TWO SHORT SKITS with Thanks to East Central Pomona

FORTUNE TELLER

Couple walking along, sees Fortune Teller sign.

She: Let's go in.

He: I suppose.

She: Come on...

Fortune Teller: Come on it.

She: We wonder...

Fortune Teller: I see you are engaged. Have you come to Madam Marie to see what the future holds?

She: Oh, no...not exactly..

Fortune Teller: What do you want to know?

She: Actually, we'd just like to know where we parked our car.

ORGANIC – NATURAL

Dumb: Wow, it looks like you have added new items on your menu.

He: Yes – I've added a number of entrees made entirely with organic ingredients.

Dumb: That's good.

He: There is an increasing demand, folks are more aware of what they are putting into their bodies.

Dumb: That's great.

He: I'm just giving them what they want.

Dumb: I have a question. If I eat natural foods, will I get natural gas?

TEA TRIVIA QUIZ with Thanks to Whigville

1. What did the English drink for breakfast before tea became popular? Ans. Ale
2. Which beverage contains more caffeine, coffee or tea? Ans. Coffee
3. What famous tea party was held in Boston in 1773? Ans. The Boston Tea Party to protest unfair taxation.
4. Afternoon tea is also known by another name. What is it?
Ans. Low tea, because it is served on low tables such as coffee tables.
5. How many tea farms are in the United States?
Ans. One commercial farm in Charleston, So. Carolina.
6. In what country was iced tea first introduced? Ans. The United States in 1904.
7. What tea is often used to sooth the nerves? Ans. Chamomile and Lavender teas.
8. Who is credited with initiating afternoon tea? Ans. Britain's Anna the 7th, duchess of Bedford
9. Did the British prefer black, green, Oolong or white tea?
Ans. The British favor black tea with milk and sugar.
10. What grade of tea is used in tea bags? Ans. The lowest grade called dust and fannings.

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR HOME DURING A RECESSION with Thanks to Colchester

1. Go to a thrift store and buy a pair of used men's work boots, size 14-16.
2. Place them on your front porch, along with a copy of Guns & Ammo Magazine
3. Put a few giant dog dishes next to the boots and magazines.
4. Leave a note on your door that reads:

Hey Bubba:

Big Jim, Duke, Slim and I went for more ammunition. Back in an hour: Don't mess with the Pit bulls, they attacked the mailman this morning and messed him up real bad. I don't think Killer took part in it, but it was hard to tell from all the blood. Anyway, I locked all four of them in the house. Better wait outside.

Cooter

LIFE with Thanks to Simsbury Grange

A star above, a moon aglow,
An April rain, December snow,
A bursting bud, a rose in bloom,
A breaching dawn, a harvest moon...

A happy smile, perhaps a tear,
The longest mile, the shortest year,
A butterfly, a bird in flight,
A happy day, a lonely night...

A cotton cloud, a sky of blue,
A gentle touch, a dream come true,
To reach success, and know we're blessed
It's all of these that make life the best.
Garnett Ann Schultz

RECIPE FOR A HOME with Thanks to Senexet

Find a cup of friendship
Add a cup of thoughtfulness
Creamed together with a pinch
Of powdered tenderness

Very lightly beaten
In a bowl of loyalty
With a cup of faith and one of hope
And one of charity.

Be sure to add a spoonful each
Of gaiety that sings
And also the ability
That laughs at little things

Moisten with sudden tears
Of heart-felt sympathy
Bake in a good natured pan
And serve repeatedly.

13. He was the first President born in a hospital. Ans. Jimmy Carter
 14. Who was the first President to ride in an automobile? Ans. William McKinley
 15. He was the first President to own a car. Ans. William Taft
 16. They were the first Father – Son Presidents. Ans. John Adams and John Quincy Adams
 17. He was our tallest President. Ans. Abraham Lincoln (6'4")

WHICH STATE IS THIS? From Manchester's Complete Program

1. Has the most famous zoo in the world and leads all states in many farm products, including lettuce, tomatoes and garlic. Ans. California
2. Leads all states in percentage of people who can read and write; home of the Amana Colonies. Ans. Iowa
3. Has an oil derrick on the capitol grounds; home of the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Ans. Oklahoma
4. Beginning of both the Oregon and Santa Fe Trails; home of the Gateway Arch. Ans. Missouri
5. A big mining state; home of Harper's Ferry. Ans. West Virginia
6. Home of Tennis Hall of Fame; smallest state. Ans. Rhode Island
7. Has the oldest state house still in use; home of Antietam National Battlefield. Ans. Maryland
8. Home to the largest space exhibit. Ans. Alabama
9. Beautiful beaches along Atlantic Coast; famous for its chemical products. Ans. Delaware
10. Has 10 times as many cattle as people; home of Devil's Tower, the country's first national monument. Ans. Wyoming
11. Top wheat producing state; home of the Badlands. Ans. South Dakota
12. Leading cotton-growing state; home of the Alamo Ans. Texas
13. First airplane flight in Kitty Hawk. Ans. North Carolina
14. One-fifth size of all lower 48 states; supplier of herring; home of Mt McKinley, largest peak in No. America. Ans. Alaska
15. Has more people per square mile than any other state. Ans. New Jersey
16. Has the Toothpick Capitol of the World; easternmost state in U.S.; home of Acadia National Park. Ans. Maine
17. Bryce Canyon National Park is known for its pink cliffs; home of the Great Salt Lake. Ans. Utah
18. Leading cranberry producer; home of Freedom Trail Ans. Massachusetts
19. Is called "Mother of Presidents" because it was home to more presidents (8) than any other state; home of the largest office building (The Pentagon). Ans. Virginia
20. Forests cover 80% of the land; has a restored Colonial seaport; lost its state natural symbol due to erosion. Ans. New Hampshire
21. Top timber producing state; home of Crater Lake. Ans. Oregon
22. Has a Desert Museum famous for desert plants and animals. Ans. Arizona
23. Gets less rain than any other state; home of Hoover Dam Ans. Nevada
24. Home of Grand Ole Opry House. Ans. Tennessee
25. Home to first major league baseball team; has National Football Hall of Fame. Ans. Ohio
26. Leading producer of breakfast cereal. Ans. Michigan
27. More than 100 mountain peaks over 2 miles high; home of the San Juan National Forest.

- Ans. Colorado
28. Coldest state after Alaska; home of Glacier National Park. Ans. Montana
29. Leading producer of pretzels and potato chips; home of world's largest chocolate factory.
Ans. Pennsylvania
30. A leading textile producer; home of a revolutionary war battlefield. Ans. So. Carolina
31. This state has the most rural farmland of any. Ans. No. Dakota
32. A top horse breeding state. Ans. Kentucky
33. Leading orange and grapefruit growing state; Home of Disney World. Ans. Florida
34. Home of Carlsbad Caverns. Ans. New Mexico
35. State with highest per capita income; home of Mystic Seaport. Ans. Connecticut
36. Leads country in corn production. Ans. Illinois
37. Leading shrimp harvesting state; home of the French Quarter. Ans. Louisiana
38. Leading pecan and peanut growing state; home of Stone Mountain with Confederate Leaders carved into it. Ans. Georgia
39. Contains the only diamond hunting field in America. Ans. Arkansas
40. Supplier of coconuts; made up of 132 volcanic islands. Ans. Hawaii
41. Its' land area is more than 1/3 national forest or parkland. Ans. Washington
42. Holds geographical center of U.S.; home of Dodge City. Ans. Kansas
43. Home of Shelburne Museum; maker of maple syrup. Ans. Vermont
44. Has more than 15,000 lakes. Ans. Minnesota
45. 80% farmland; home of a famous speedway. Ans. Indiana
46. Leading producer of dairy products; home of Circus World Museum. Ans. Wisconsin
47. Top popcorn producing state. Ans. Nebraska
48. Leads all states in growing potatoes. Ans. Idaho
49. Leading catfish producer; home of many beautiful houses built before Civil War.
Ans. Mississippi
50. Leads country in printing and publishing; Home to Niagara Falls. Ans. New York

HOT DOG ETIQUETTE from Stonington's Complete Program

The following etiquette applies to the "art" of eating a hot dog per the National Hot Dog & Sausage Council:

- * Condiments remaining on the fingers after eating a hot dog should be licked away not washed. Eat hot dogs on buns with your hands. Utensils should never touch hot dog buns.
- * Use paper plates to serve hot dogs – china plates are forbidden
- * Do not leave bits of bun on your paper plate – Eat it all!
- * Do not use a cloth napkin to wipe your mouth when eating a hot dog.
- * Enjoy!!!!